



Henry Perrin Mann Papers (R0455)

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Collection Title: Henry Perrin Mann Papers

Dates: 1862-1865

Creator: Mann, Henry Perrin, 1842-1922

Abstract: The Henry Perrin Mann Papers contain the Civil War diaries of Henry P. Mann, Co. B Cavalry, 36th Illinois Infantry. The company was later assigned to the 15th Illinois Cavalry as Co. K. The diaries cover the Pea Ridge campaign in Missouri and Arkansas, the occupation of Corinth, Mississippi, the battle of Chickamauga, the siege of Chattanooga, and the Atlanta campaign. The entries for 1865 concern personal business and finances.

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(1 folder)

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William A. Ruyle Papers (R0033)

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Biographical Note:

Henry Perrin Mann was born June 21, 1842, in Elgin, Illinois, to Adin Ballou Mann (1816-1903) and Lydia Pollard (Wright) Mann (1821-1912) and was the eldest of eight children. In the fall of 1861, he enlisted in the 36th Illinois Volunteers, a unit which included several of his relatives. Mann joined Cavalry Co. B of the regiment, one of two such companies attached to the 36th, which was otherwise an infantry regiment. In 1862 the War Department began to rationalize anomalous organizations such as cavalry companies attached to infantry regiments. On December 25, 1862, Mann's company was assigned to the 15th Illinois Cavalry, becoming Co. K of that unit.

As a member of the two different regiments, Mann took part in several of the major campaigns in the Trans-Mississippi and Western theaters. He was with the Army of Southwest Missouri in 1862 during its successful campaign in Missouri and Arkansas, and was present, although not engaged, at the Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas. In the spring of 1862, the 36th Illinois was transferred to Mississippi and was involved in the operations which led to the occupation of Corinth. From Mississippi the regiment moved into Kentucky, then into Tennessee and Georgia. Mann was, respectively, part of the Army of the Ohio, the Army of the Cumberland, and the 20th Army Corps. He participated in the battles of Perryville (Ky.), Stones River (Tenn.), and Chickamauga (Ga.), the siege of Chattanooga, and the capture of Atlanta.

He left the army at the end of his enlistment in September 1864 and returned to his home in Illinois, where he married Maria Martha Parker (1844-1919) in January 1865, and over the next two decades, the couple had eight children, six of whom reached adulthood. The Manns moved to Vicksburg, Mississippi, where they briefly worked in cotton growing 1865-1866 but returned to Illinois after one year.

In Illinois, Henry Mann worked in industrial plants along the Fox River from 1866 to 1879, then moved with his family to Pottawatomie County, Kansas. The family relocated again in 1900, this time to a fruit farm in Boulder, Colorado. Henry Mann died in 1922 and is buried next to his wife in Green Mountain Cemetery in Boulder.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 2 series:

Diaries

Personal Papers

Scope and Content Note:

Diaries

Mann left four diaries covering the Civil War period. The narrative entries begin on January 1, 1862 and continue through February 8, 1865, with miscellaneous entries on business and financial matters through December 1865. There are no entries for August 29, 1862 -- August 31, 1863. Mann sent his diaries home as the volumes were filled, and it seems likely that the diary for the missing period was lost in transit. Typescripts of the diaries have been prepared by Shirley (Mann) McLean, a great-granddaughter of Henry Mann. The pages of the typescript are numbered separately for each individual diary.

The entries in the diaries are brief and generally include comments on the weather, rations, daily duty, and the state of Mann's health. Most of his service in the cavalry consisted of escorting officers and gathering forage for the unit's animals. He was with the regimental baggage train and thus missed action at Pea Ridge, but, as an escort to the commanding officer, Mann was an eyewitness to the Union defeat at Chickamauga and victory at Lookout Mountain at Chattanooga. At the latter, Mann captured nine Confederate soldiers as he carried dispatches between the front and headquarters. During the lulls between campaigns, he recorded pleasant visits with relatives and friends in other Illinois units and several attempts to improve his time in the army through private enterprise. He lost money on the sales of photographs of prominent generals, but profited by selling powders for mixing red, blue, and black inks. The diary for 1865 consists mostly of memoranda pertaining to business matters and is difficult to interpret. The only narrative entries record travel between Illinois and Vicksburg, Mississippi, in January and February.

Personal Papers

Also with the diaries is a copy of a letter written from Big Shanty, Georgia, June 15, 1864. It is filed following the typescripts of the diaries. Copies of Henry Mann's military service records and other biographical materials have been provided by the donor and are filed in the Information Folder.

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